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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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SHEA AUSTIN-BROWN

Serial No.: 09/702,374

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For: METHODS FOR EXTENDING THE FRESHNESS OF CUT FLOWERS,

ORNAMENTAL TREES, AND PLANT

CUTTINGS

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

P.O. Box 1450

Sir:

Group Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: Alton Nathaniel Pryor

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 3, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

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October 3, 2003

Date

Mark D. Moore

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of three months to and including October 3, 2003 in which to respond to the Office Action dated April 3, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a three-month extension of time.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Date: October 3, 2003

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